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PROCEEDINGS

OF

A Baptist Ministerial Conference,

AND

ORGANIZATION OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST MINISTERIAL UNION,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF GOLDSBORO, N. C.,

April 9, 10 and 11, 1885.

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PREFACE.

On the second day of January, 1885, several ministers met in the City of Raleigh to consider the condition and work of the Baptist denomination of North Carolina. After hearing the views of the different brethren, it was unanimously agreed that a circular letter be published and sent to all the ministers of the State, requesting them to assemble in a mass meeting at Goldsboro, on Friday, April 10, 1885, in order to devise a plan to unite the ministry and further the sacred principles of the church.

At the time designated, the largest number of ministers, from nearly all sections of the State, we have ever seen, assembled at the First Baptist church of Goldsboro.

After considering duly the growth of the denomination for the last twenty years, the needs of the different fields and the great lack of unity of action among the ministers, a general organization was formed to be known as "The North Carolina Baptist Ministerial Union," whose object is clearly set forth in the Constitution. The need of such an organization is apparent to all. The Baptist denomination of North Carolina numbers more than 800 churches, whose membership is about 100,000. What an army of the Lord! In order to unite this great host, the ministers must understand each other and labor together in the cause of the Master. It is said by all who were present that this was one of the most harmonious meetings ever witnessed in this State. All went away filled with the spirit of work. Doubtless this meeting marks an important era in the history of the colored Baptists of North Carolina.

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" N. Ward, Scotl'd Neck, "
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" H. M. Tupper, Raleigh, "
" A. B. Vincent, Raleigh, "
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" Jas. Williams, " "
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" Jas. Hunt, Oxford, N. C.
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Prof. H. C. Crosby, Raleigh, "

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., April 9th, 1885.
4:30 P. M.

Pursuant to a call issued by the request and authority of a number of the leading Baptist ministers assembled in the City of Raleigh, January —, 1885, a large delegation of Baptist ministers and friends of the church collected in the City of Goldsboro, April 9th, 1885, to discuss questions pertaining to the welfare of the denomination, and to devise plans that would more firmly unite the ministry, and that would enable the church to utilize more successfully her forces. Although the brethren convened a few hours prior to the designated time, yet for legitimate reasons, it was deemed best by all present to commence immediately the transaction of business.

Rev. C. Johnson, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, called the house to order, and briefly stated the purpose of the meeting. He said that the ministry is not united, and on this account the churches languish. To cement the clergy, and to adopt plans for the betterment of the churches, we have been called together.

Rev. N. F. Roberts was invited to conduct devotional exercises. After a portion of Scripture had been read and a hymn had been sung, Rev. J. A. Fuller invoked Divine help and guidance.

Rev. A. Shepard, Sunday School Missionary of the State, was chosen temporary Chairman, and Rev. C. S. Brown, Secretary.

Permanent organization immediately followed.

Rev. E. H. Lipscombe moved that the temporary officers be made permanent. Motion prevailed.

Rev. A. Williams was elected Treasurer.

A motion specifying the work and purpose of this ministerial meeting was presented by Rev. R. I. Walden. (See resolution, No. 1.) Adopted.

Rev. C. Johnson moved that the brethren who had been

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chosen to introduce and lead off in the discussion of the various topics to come before this Conference, be allowed ten minutes to speak on said subjoct, the time to be prolonged if the members so desire. Motion passed.

Rev. R. I. Walden moved that all others desiring to express their views on the same subjects be allowed five minutes each. Adopted.

By motion of Prof. H. C. Crosby, all visiting brethren, who were not ministers, were granted the privilege of participating in our deliberations, restricted only from voting.

Rev. C. S. Brown was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at 8 o'clock p. m.

Intermission was given.

Benediction by Rev. A. Shepard.

Night.

At an early hour the church was filled with an attentive audience, two-thirds of which were ministers and members of the Conference.

Services began promptly at 8 o'clock with hymn, "Let Zion's watchmen all awake." Romans 10th chapter was read, after which prayer was offered by Rev. H. M. Tupper. Hymn, "Go preach My Gospel, saith the Lord," was sung with deep feeling.

Rev. C. S. Brown selected his text from the 10th chapter of Romans and the 15th verse, "And how can they preach except they be sent?" He spoke of those qualifications requisite to make a man a successful preacher.

The following were the leading divisions of his discourse, viz:

"To be a successful minister (1) the man must be thoroughly religious, (2) Divinely commissioned, (3) intellectually qualified.

After the sermon, Rev. N. F. Roberts offered prayer.

A collection was taken, amounting to $3.08.

Benediction by Rev. H. M. Tupper.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

At 9:30 a. m., Rev. A. Shepard called the meeting to order. Rev. S. M. Jones conducted devotional exercises. He read hymn, "Did Christ o'er sinners weep?"; also 23d Psalm and invoked Divine favor.

Rev. R. I. Walden offered resolution No. 2, and stated the reasons why he offered said resolution: He regarded the present state of the ministry as lamentable, and thought that immediate action was demanded by the Great Head of the church. The following brethren endorsed the resolution by stirring speehes, viz: Prof. H. C. Crosby, Jas. M. Young, Rev. N. F. Roberts, E. B. Blake, J. H. Carey. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Rev. C. S. Brown moved that the Chair be empowered to appoint a committee of five on Constitution.

The following persons were appointed: Revs. R. I. Walden, E. H. Lipscombe, J. Perry, N. F. Roberts, W. H. Shaw.

Rev. H. M. Tupper was requested to address the assembly while the committee was preparing a report. Rev. H. M. Tupper expressed his delight to meet so many of the leading brethren of the State, who, prompted by the Holy Spirit and love for the church, have met to engage in business so essential to the welfare of the denomination. He commended the object of the meeting and hoped great good might result from it. He congratulated the brethren in their efforts to restore union and to establish an organization to assist disabled ministers. His address was instructive, impressive, and full of encouragement. A vote of thanks was tendered him.

Rev. H. L. Barco moved that a roll of the members of the Conference be made. (See roll). Also those who brought the one dollar to defray the expenses of the meeting were requested to pay it over to the Secretary. After the enrollment of members, the following subject was discussed: "How can we sustain a better church discipline?"

Rev. H. M. Tupper gave some valuable information concerning the Gospel view of discipline. It was his opinion that, in a great many cases, disciplined persons were restored to the church too early: "A person suspended from the church for misdemeanor ought not to be restored until sufficient evidence of true repentance is shown."

Prof. H. C. Crosby thought that the lack of discipline was due to the negligence of the minister and not to the failure on the part of the churches.

It was asked, If a person is suspended from the church and seeks forgiveness and admission on the subsequent meeting, ought the church to restore such person?

Prof. E. H. Lipscombe said: "There is difference between discipline and forgiveness. It may be our painful duty

to withdraw the hand of fellowship from an erring brother; yet, we are to forgive him of his crime; we must not cherish malice, but forgive him if he seeks forgiveness seventy times a day. Although we forgive, yet justice forbids us to restore the brother until a change for the better is noticed in his life.

Rev. Ceasar Johnson requested Rev. H. M. Tupper to give his opinion concerning ministerial counsels.

Brother Tupper said: "Ministerial boards, unless judiciously managed, are injurious and objectionable. A ministerial board has no right to repudiate church sovereignty and attempt to settle church difficulties. Boards cannot legislate for the church, but they can advise. Neither can any board legally ordain an applicant for the ministry unless the church, to which said candidate belongs, delegates the power, and no board has the authority to revoke an ordination. The sole power is invested in the church. When a church expels a minister, his ordination is nullified; his commission revoked, and he has no longer the right to preach."

Amount of money received during the morning session, $10.75.

Recess was given. Closed with doxology.

Afternoon Session.

At 2:30 p. m., Rev. A. Shepard announced that Rev. J. Perry would conduct the opening service. Hymn, "O for a closer walk with God," was read and sung; 133d Psalm was read and prayer was offered by Rev. A. Buck.

The minutes of the forenoon meeting were approved.

The committee on Constitution was called on to report. Rev. E. H. Lipscombe read the report. (See Constitution). The Constitution was adopted by sections. After the adoption of the Constitution, the brethren came forward and signed it. (See roll).

Rev. T. B. Edwards moved that the Chair appoint a committee of five on Officers. Motion prevailed.

Committee.—Rev. J. A. Fuller, Rev. C. B. Gibbs, Rev. Wm. Reid, Rev. N. F. Roberts, Rev. L. T. Christmas.

It was by motion agreed that after the sermon to-night by Rev. H. M. Tupper, the following be discussed: "How can we collect more missionary money?"

Rev. H. H. Falkener moved that a special collection be taken to-night for Dallas Academy. (See resolution No. 3). Adopted.

Rev. T. B. Edwards offered the following motion, to-wit:

Resolved, That all ministers of this Union friendly to education be requested to take a collection in their respective churches to Aid Dallas Academy.

Adopted.

The committee on Nomination of Officers reported. (See p. 2.) Report received.

Received during meeting, $13.25.

Adjourned with benediction.

Night Session.

Services began promptly at 8 p. m. Rev. L. T. Christmas read hymn, "Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove," also a portion of the 9th chapter of II Cor., and offered prayer. "There is a Fountain filled with blood," was voluntarily sung by the audience. Rev. H. M. Tupper spoke from the text, "God loveth a cheerful giver." He exalted the grace of giving and stated that benevolence and liberality were evidences of genuine conversion. He condemned the minister who preaches for no compensation and said that the Scriptures declare that "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

After the sermon, Rev. E. H. Lipscombe presented forcibly the needs of Dallas Academy, and the necessity of having a denominational school in that part of the State. A collection was then taken for said school amounting to $12.00.

Rev. C. S. Brown moved that a committee on Time and Place of next meeting be appointed. Adopted.

Committee.—Revs. T. B. Edwards, A. N. Buck, O. Bullock.

It being late, other business was deferred Doxology was sung and the meeting adjourned to re-assemble at 9 o'clock the following day.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

The Union assembled promptly. The President, Rev. A. Shepard, presiding. Rev. James H. Carey conducted devotional exercises. Hymn, "O for a closer walk with God," was sung; 6th chapter of Matt. read, and prayer offered. Minutes of the previous day were approved. Committee on Time and Place of next meeting reported:

We, your committee, desire to present the following report:

Resolved, That next meeting of this Union be held in the City of Raleigh, one day prior to the convening of the Baptist State Convention.

Fraternally yours,

T. B. EDWARDS,
A. N. BUCK,
O. BULLOCK,
Committee.

The report was amended by striking out "Raleigh" and inserting "Henderson," and "one day prior," &c., and inserting "Second Friday in April, 1886."

Resolutions Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 were read and adopted. Resolution No. 11 was rejected.

The Executive Committee was elected. The following were chosen to compose said committee: Revs. R. I. Walden, C. S. Brown, S. Fulwider, J. A. Fuller, T. B. Edwards, P. F. Maloy, Cæsar Johnson.

A committee of three was appointed on By-Laws for the government of the Executive Committee.

Committee.—C. S. Brown, S. G. Newsome, Jas. M. Young.

All visiting brethren, who were not ministers, were, by motion, made honorary members of the Union.

Rev. H. M. Tupper moved that the Union furnish each member with a printed card, signed by both President and Secretary, certifying that said person is a member of this fraternity. Motion adopted.

Five dollars was paid out of the treasury for fuel and to sexton.

A vote of thanks was tendered the officers for the faithful discharge of their duties.

Letters of enouragement were received by the Secretary from Prof. E. E. Smith, Principal of the State Normal School, Fayetteville, Rev. Thos. Collins and W. R. Mason. Each brother expressed his endorsement of the movement and regretted to be absent. Brother Smith sent one dollar to aid the work.

The business of the Union having been completed, the meeting adjourned to assemble in the town of Henderson, N. C., on Friday before the second Sunday in April, 1886.

A. SHEPARD, President.

C. S. BROWN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTION NO. 1.

WHEREAS, It is evident that there is a great need of union, based upon Gospel principles, among the Baptist ministers of the State; and, whereas, without union among ministers, there can be no union in the churches, and without union among ministers and the churches, the cause of Christ cannot be promoted successfully. And inasmuch as it is clearly taught in the Scriptures that, "In union there is strength," and that it is good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity, therefore, we, the ministers of this meeting, moved with a desire to so unite the strength of the Baptists of North Carolina, that more efficient work can be accomplished and also to sustain the sacred dignity of the church and those laboring in the Master's vineyard, do hereby mutually covenant to devise and adopt such plans that will, by God's help, secure the desired end.

R. I. WALDEN.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.

Guided, as we trust, by the Scriptures and Holy Spirit, to unite ourselves into a Ministerial Union, for the purpose of protecting the church and pulpit from wicked encroachments, and to help and aid superannuated ministers, be it

Resolved, That we enter at once into an organization of such a compact.

R. I. WALDEN.

RESOLUTION NO. 3.

WHEREAS, We believe that to increase our denomination and to advance the cause of Christ, we must encourage and perpetuate education; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of this Conference, do heartily encourage Rev. E. H. Lipscombe in his undertaking to establish the Dallas Academy.

H. H. FALKENER.

RESOLUTION NO. 4.

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Auditor of this Union constitute a committee on printing the minutes of this meeting, and that said committee have the minutes printed upon the cheapest plan, in pamphlet form or in newspaper as they may deem best for the Union.

JAS. M. YOUNG.

RESOLUTION NO. 5.

WHEREAS, There may be matters demanding the attention of this Union between the annual meetings; and whereas, it is the purpose of the Union to effect good at all times, therefore be it

Resolved, That there be an Executive Committee of seven members appointed to carry out the plans adopted at this meeting.

J. M. YOUNG.

RESOLUTION NO. 6.

WHEREAS, There is a great need of an asylum for the colored orphan children of the State; and, whereas, certain brethren are laboring to establish such an asylum, where the orphan can be received and cared for; and, whereas, Rev. J. Perry has been appointed by the board of managers to travel in the interest of said asylum; therefore

Resolved, That we, the ministers of this meeting, endorse the movement and do what we can to aid Rev. Perry in his effort.

J. M. YOUNG.

RESOLUTION NO. 7.

WHEREAS, It is the object of this Union to foster harmony among the ministers of the State and thus advance the Redeemer's kingdom; be it

Resolved, That ministers desiring to unite with the Union can do so at any time by sending in their application to the Secretary, accompanied with one dollar, and if said application is endorsed by Executive Committee, the name shall be enrolled and a certificate of membership shall be sent to each person.

If rejected for any reason, the application and money shall be forthwith refunded.

C. S. BROWN.

RESOLUTION NO. 8.

Inasmuch as we desire to raise a fund for the aid of the superannuated and infirm ministers of our Union, be it

Resolved, That each member of this Union be assessed one dollar per annum to be paid during the annual meeting of said Union, and those who cannot possibly be present, shall send said amount to Secretary of the Union.

C. S. BROWN.

RESOLUTION NO. 9.

WHEREAS, A good religious paper is so essential to the enlightenment of every Christian organization and its object can be more fully augmented and promoted, therefore be it

Resolved, That the *Light House*, *African Expositor*, *Standard* and *Advocate* be adopted as organs of this Union.

J. B. VINCENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 10.

WHEREAS, Rev. James H. Carey desires to spend the remainder of his life as an evangelist; and, whereas, the labors of such a life will assist us in effecting the union so much needed and desired among us as Missionary Baptists in this and other States, be it

Resolved, That he be hereafter known and acknowledged as an evangelist sent by this minister's Union, and that we ever pray the Great Head of the church to crown his labors with abundant success.

Resolved further, That in addition to religious services, we will expect Rev. Jas. H. Carey to use his influence in interest of the plans devised by this minister's Union from time to time and to serve as agent for institutions of learning already established and for those anticipated.

A. B. VINCENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 11.

WHEREAS, There seems to be some misunderstanding in regard to our missionary, Bro. J. O. Hayes, who is now in Africa, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the case of Bro. Hayes and come to some conclusion as to what we should do for him, and that said committee report at the next sitting of this body.

H. H. FALKENER.

RESOLUTION NO. 12.

WHEREAS, The people of Goldsboro and the vicinity have been so kind in providing for us while being here, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered by this Union to them for their hospitality.

A. B. VINCENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 13.

Inasmuch as a hospital has been established at Raleigh, in connection with the Leonard Medical School, through the kindness of Northern and Southern friends, for the sick and unfortunate of our race, we hereby, as a Ministerial Union, recognize the need of such a hospital and commend its humane object to the afflicted of our churches and congregations.

M. T. POPE.

RESOLUTION NO. 14.

WHEREAS, Shaw University has been and now is the great head of knowledge for this State and the South; and, whereas, Dallas Academy and Garysburg School are feeding schools for this grand institution,

Resolved, That this Union acknowledge these institutions and encourage the young to go to them.

J. M. YOUNG.

GENERAL NOTICE.

All Baptist ministers of North Carolina desiring to unite with the Union are requested to send their application, accompanied with the entrance fee, one dollar, to Rev. C. S. Brown, Drawer 8, Raleigh, N. C.

Every minister should connect himself with the Union.

ANNUAL FEE PAID.

S. M. Jones	$ 1 00
H. M. Tupper	1 00
Chas. Smith	1 00
T. Parker	1 00
B. K. Sykes	1 00
E. B. Blake	50
O. B. Alston	1 00
---- Sills	1 00
B. Gardener	25
H. L. Barco	1 00
C. S. Brown	1 00
N. F. Roberts	1 00
O. Bullock	1 00
Wm. Reid	1 00
A. Cooper	1 00
R. I. Walden	1 00
W. H. Shaw	1 00
J. A. Fuller	1 00
A. B. Vincent	1 00
L. T. Christmas	1 00
J. H. Dunston	1 00
A. Boone	1 00
E. E. Smith	1 00
Wm. Bunting	1 00
J. F. Hill	1 00

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All brethren who failed to pay the one dollar assessment at Goldsboro, are earnestly requested tc forward the same at once to the Secretary, Rev. C. S. Brown, Drawer 8, Raleigh, N. C.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be known as THE BAPTIST MINISTERIAL UNION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ART. 2. The object of this Union shall be to unite, protect and encourage all worthy ministers, to promote harmony in the churches, and, in every possible way, to further the Master's kingdom.

ART. 3. Its officers shall be a President, a Vice-President from each Association in harmony with the Union, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor and as many Boards as may be necessary.

ART. 4. The officers of the Union shall perform all the duties usually discharged by officers holding similar positions, or such duties as may be assigned them by the Union.

ART 5. The election of officers shall take place annually immediately after the opening of the session. Officers shall be chosen from the members of the Union and shall be elected by plurality. The President shall not be elected more than one term during the lapse of five years.

ART. 6. Any minister of good repute, who is blameless and who possesses the other qualifications of a minister as laid down in the Bible (I Tim., 3: 1—7) may become a member of this Union upon subscribing to this Constitution and the payment of one dollar.

ART. 7. This Union shall provide to the extent of its ability for the disabled and superannuated ministers who have been faithful in the Master's cause.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Union to guard the good name of its members and recommend ministers to churches and needy fields.

ART. 9. The members of this organization shall not participate in the ordination of any incompetent applicant for the ministry.

ART. 10. Any resolution may be adopted from time to time by a majority vote for the furtherance of the cause of this Union, provided it does not conflict with this Constitution.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a two-thirds vote.

ART. 12. The meetings of this Union shall be governed according to the rules laid down in Pendleton's and Hiscox's Manual.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The President shall take the chair each session at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and, on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding session to be read.

2. He shall preserve order and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Union by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any brother to perform the duties temporarily.

4. The President shall not vote only in case of a tie. And if he refuse to vote in a tie, the matter is decided in the negative.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair; but may call another to the chair, and he shall have the same right in debate as any other member.

6. When any member wishes to speak or deliver any matter to the Union, he shall first rise from his seat and address the chair.

7. When two brothers rise at the same time, the President shall name the one to speak.

8. No member shall speak but twice on the same question until all who wish to speak have spoken.

9. Decency of speech shall be observed and personal reflections avoided.

10. While the chair is putting a question, or any brother speaking, no one shall be allowed to walk across the house, or whisper, or otherwise interrupt him.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, postpone or amend.

12. All committees shall be appointed in time to do their duty.

13. All committees shall be composed of three members, if not otherwise ordered.

14. No standing rule shall be altered or suspended except by a two thirds vote of the Union.

15. The Rules of Decorum shall be read in the opening of each annual session of the Union, and as many times during the session as may be deemed practicable.

16. No member shall be allowed to intrude on the time by long debate in this Union.

BY-LAWS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. At the first meeting, a Chairman and a Secretary shall be chosen from their own number.

2. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of five members of the Committee.

3. Meetings shall be held as often as the business of the Union shall require.

4. Any Baptist minister of good report, in good and regular standing, may become a member of the Union by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee upon the payment of the annual fee of one dollar. If refused, his reception can be referred to the annual meeting of the Union.

5. All moneys, from whatever sources received, shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Union at each meeting of the Executive Committee, by the Secretary, with a full memorandum of the same.

6. Ministers of the Union rendered infirm by age or severe sickness and in destitute circumstances, will receive aid from time to time, according as the Committee may have funds at their disposal, not exceeding one dollar per week.

7. At the close of each year, the Treasurer's account shall be audited by the Committee and an itemized Treasurer's report made out and read at the annual meeting of the Ministerial Union.

8. Funds shall be drawn from the Treasury only by an order signed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee and countersigned by the President of the Ministerial Union, and said requisition must have been previously voted by the Executive Committee.

9. In all business transactions of the Executive Committee, special attention shall be given to maintain the dignity and reputation of the Union and render it of the highest service to the churches and the cause of the Redeemer.

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